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SUBJ: SWEDISH GOVERNMENT TO ASSIGN MILITARY ATTACHE TO EAST BERLIN

1. SWEDIST EMBASSY OFFICERS HAVE TOLD US ABOUT A
FIRM PLAN TO ASSIGN A SWEDIST ARMY COLONEL TO BERLIN AS
MILITARY ATTACHE TO THE GDR, BEGINNING OCTOBER 1, 1976.
THIS ASSIGNMENT WOULD PROVIDE RECIPROCITY FOR THE GDR
MILITARY ATTACHE WHO HAS BEEN STATIONED IN STOCKHOLM FOR
SOME TIME AND WHOSE OFFICE IS SOON TO BE AUGMENTED BY
THE ADDITION OF AN ASSISTANT MILITARY ATTACHE, ACCORDING
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TO OUR CONTACTS. WHEN ASKED IF THE SWEDIST PLAN HAS
ANY CONNECTION WITH CSCE IMPLEMENTATION, OUR COLLEAGUES

SAID THAT IT WAS PRIMARILY A BILATERAL MATTER.

2. AT THE SAME TIME, THE SWEDISH EMBOFFS SAID IT WAS POSSIBLE THAT THE AUSTRIANS WOULD FOLLOW SUIT BY NAMING A RESIDENT MILITARY ATTACHE IN EAST BERLIN. THE AUSTRIAN FIRST SECRETARY HOWEVER STATED THAT HE IS NOT AWARE OF ANY PLAN TO ASSIGN AN AUSTRIAN MILITARY ATTACHE HERE ALTHOUGH HE THOUGHT THIS COULD HAPPEN OVER TIME. HE NOTED THAT IF THE AUSTRIAN GOVERNMENT WERE TO MAKE SUCH AN ASSIGNMENT AT THE PRESENT TIME, THE ATTACHE WOULD BE RESIDENT IN A "NEIGHBORING COUNTRY" AND ONLY BE ACCREDITED TO THE GDR, "LIKE THE SWISS MILITARY ATTACHE" WHO IS RESIDENT IN WARSAW. THE AUSTRIAN EMBOFF ALSO POINTED OUT THAT THE GDR HAS HAD A MILITARY ATTACHE ASSIGNED TO VIENNA FOR SOME TIME. AS FAR AS HE IS AWARE, HOWEVER, THERE IS NO PRESSURE FROM EITHER SIDE TO HAVE A RESIDENT AUSTRIAN MILITARY ATTACHE IN BERLIN.

3. COMMENT: OUR IMPRESSION IS THAT THE ASSIGNMENT OF ATTACHES FROM NON-ALIGNED, NEUTRAL EUROPEAN COUNTRIES HAS MORE TO DO WITH A DESIRE TO ACHIEVE RECIPROCITY THAN ANY BELIEF THAT A MILITARY ATTACHE WILL BE ABLE TO FUNCTION EFFECTIVELY IN EAST GERMANY. THE FINNISH MILITARY ATTACHE, FOR EXAMPLE, HAS NOTED THAT HE FINDS HIS JOB "USEFUL" BUT HAS DECLINED TO GIVE ANY DETAILS OF HIS WORK.

4. IN ADDITION TO FINLAND, BULGARIA, THE PRC, CUBA, CZECHOSLOVAKIA, HUNGARY, DPR KOREA, POLAND, RUMANIA, THE USSR, AND DRV, AND YUGOSLAVIA HAVE RESIDENT MILITARY ATTACHES. THE SUDAN AND, AS STATED ABOVE, SWITZERLAND HAVE ATTACHES ACCREDITED TO THE GDR BUT RESIDENT IN MOSCOW AND WARSAW RESPECTIVELY. THIS INFORMATION IS TAKEN FROM THE CURRENT GDR DIPLOMATIC LIST.GROVE

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